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TUESDAY (Not usual Wednesday) October 18, 1949.
12:30 P.M.-Cocktails: Luncheon served at 12:45 P.M.
\$3.00 - Tip and Tax Included; 50¢ Extra for Guests.

OFF-THE-RECORD

PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

Proclaimed as heir to the power and leadership of the late Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru leads his country in the difficult task of wielding a great nation together. An advocate of world federation and a champion of the United Nations, he has much to contribute to peace. Four times elected President of the Indian National Congress, he was nine times imprisoned.

A well-known writer, his publications include, "Discovery of India," "Glimpses of World History," "Soviet Russia" and many others.

Madame Vijaya Pandit, Indian Ambassador to the United States; Mrs. Indira Gandhi (the Prime Minister's daughter); Loy Henderson, former U.S. Ambassador to India; Stanley Woodward of the State Department; Sir Girja Bajpai, secretary-general of the Indian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and others will be present at this luncheon in honor of a great leader.

Pandit Nehru will make his only off-the-record speech while in the United States to the Overseas Press Club.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION CARDS IMMEDIATELY OR PHONE THE OFFICE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 17th AT THE LATEST FOR RESERVATIONS.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

On Thursday, October 20, OPC members are invited to a Canasta party in the clubrooms. A teacher, Charles Melang, has been engaged for the club by KATHRYN CRAVENS. 8:30 P.M. is the time.....until closing. LARRY BLOCHMAN, House Committee chairman, will dispense refreshments at the usual rate. Other more strenuous games may be started in the back room.

The clubrooms are now spick-and-span with new paint, new drapes, refinished furniture, etc. Everything is ready for the coming season.

MORGAN BEATTY, NBC Washington, this year is making a tour of the world's main cities. He has just finished St. Louis, Louisville and London -- the rest of the year will take him to points east, south, north and west.

CROSWELL BOWEN of the New Yorker is committee chairman for the 35th anniversary celebration of the American Field Service, to be held at the Old Knickerbocker Music Hall on Monday, Oct. 17 at 9 P.M. Staged for the benefit of the AFS International Scholarship Program, this gala dance can be attended for six dollars. Call OR 9-1897 for reservations.

LOWELL THOMAS, en route to the U.S. from India and Tibet, wired BILL SHIRER that the only American book he found in the Tibetan city of Ghatse on the Upper Amu river was a dog-eared copy of "Berlin Diary".

MEMBERS OF THE OPC enjoyed the General Electric television set in the clubrooms which enabled them to follow the World Series -- even the painters cleaning the walls in the Times Building had to peek in every inning or so to get the score.

OFFICIAL

TELEVISION SHOW OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB.... SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 5 P.M., CBS, Channel 2. Subject - The Problems of the New Government of India. LOUIS LOCHNER, MC: LEON LEVINE, Producer: JOHN PEYSER, Director: Speakers -- Shiva Rao, member of the Indian Delegation to the UN and correspondent for The Hindu; EDGAR SNOW of the Saturday Evening Post; FRED ROSEN, free-lance writer and ERIC SEVAREID of CBS Washington.

QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE FORTHCOMING OPC "Who's Who in Foreign Correspondence" have been mailed to all members. Please fill them out and return them to the office as soon as possible. If you did not get one, please write or phone the office at once. Members appearing in the 1947-48 edition had their previous listings pasted on the new questionnaire, while new Club members were sent blank forms for complete fill-ins.

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The Magazine of Fantasy, a slickish 35¢ quarterly, is now being published by LAWRENCE SPIVAK, editor of the American Mercury, the American Mercury Mysteries and Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine. The new contender for thriller readership will be edited by Anthony Boucher and J. Francis McComas.

MARY HEATON VORSE is in Pittsburgh covering the steel strike. She returned recently from Mexico where she was writing some feature articles -- a job made difficult by a since-healed smashed elbow.

LANDRUM BOLLING of the Overseas News Agency left this week for a several months European assignment. BOLLING has been organizing the new international service of ONA here at the home office.

WEIDON JAMES, editor of the Louisville Times and Courier Journal, will lead one of the editorial page critiques at the National Conference of Editorial Writers session at Columbia University from Oct. 19 to 22. He will be staying at the Hotel New Weston.

RALPH JULES FRANTZ, Club Treasurer, is on a three-week trip with his wife to the Middle West and South.....MRS. HENRY NOBLE HALL is now living at 158 W. 58th St. - Telephone - CI 5-5755..... A. WILFRED MAY, editor of the Commercial and Financial Chronicle is on a speaking tour in the Middle West. His two subjects are "The Devaluation Significance" and "Welfare Statism Abroad".

CATHERINE COYNE, (now Mrs. Eugene A. Hudson) formerly of the Boston Herald, has left active newspaper work for domesticity and part-time editing of the monthly news bulletin of the New England Medical Center.

WILLIAM B. ZIFF's new book, "He, The Maker", has just been published by Argus Books, Inc..... SAM POPE BREWER of the New York Times is in the States on a short vacation. He is also the father of a baby girl, reported to be a beauty.

REYNOLDS PACKARD, now the proud owner of a beard, protested recently to Mike Frankovitch, when he eliminated "Pack" from the role of the Daily American reporter in "The Dark Road" because he feared Pack's beard would make the audience think the American reporter was a Russian. Pack's reply cites other beard-bedecked correspondents abroad (unlike the clean-shaven, go-getter police reporter type) JACK THOMPSON of the Chicago Tribune; ROBERT ST. JOHN; SEDLEY PECK, formerly of the Paris Times; George Slocombe of the Herald-Tribune, to name a few.

In transatlantic travel the feature story is American Flagships!

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REYNOLDS further remembered that - during the internment of American correspondents in Siena, - the Beard was The Thing. HERBERT MATTHEWS of the New York Times; RICHARD MASSOCK of AP, now in Venezuela; Camilla Cianfarra of the New York Telegram, Livingston Pomeroy and Alan Tulska of the UP, all sprouted them. According to Pack, foreign correspondents become philosophical, more literary and excellent gourmets; more interested in the story than the scoop and less inhibited about what they do.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE:

PIERRE DENOYER, editor of Reader's Digest in Paris, since 1947; formerly correspondent in U.S. for Le Petit Parisien 1930-38.

JOHN PRESCOTT RODERICK, Associated Press; China, 1945-1948; Middle East, Transjordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Palestine, 1948-49, also for the Associated Press.

ASSOCIATE:

JEANE HOFFMAN (MCINTOSH), reporter, cartoonist of the New York Journal American. England and France for the International News Service from March to August 1946.

ELMER PETERSON has joined the Hollywood office of the National Broadcasting Company -- he formerly was in San Francisco with NBC.

DOROTHY OSHLAG is now manager of the Communication Materials Center, the special division of the Columbia University Press devoted to promoting the U. S. Public Health Service.

MAURICE CARRIE of the New York bureau of the Agence France-Presse, did the exclusive reporting on Jean Gau, the man who crossed the Atlantic on a 30 foot boat, for France-Amerique of October 2.

WHIT BURNETT and his wife, Hallie Burnett, have just put to bed the first big anthology compiled from their magazine, Story -- It will be published by E. P. Dutton and Co. under the title "Story, the Fiction of the Forties", on November 21. It is a collection of the 50 best short stories published in the magazine during the past decade. BURNETT is also getting into final shape another anthology, entitled "The World's Best," which will contain nearly 100 works of the world's living authors as selected by vote in the last three years.

DAVE EYNON of Philadelphia recently returned home from Europe where he did stories on American students studying abroad, student workcamps and the 1100th anniversary of the Zeiriksee, Holland.

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LAIRD OGLE, formerly with OSS in CBI and now New York correspondent for Le Parisien Libere was married on October 1 to Jane Crichton, daughter of Mrs. George Hutchinson. The couple will be at home at 123 E. 38th St., New York.

CHARLES WERTENBAKER, formerly of Time-Life, has just finished a book tentatively titled "The Barons," which Random House will publish early next year. Besides working on the book for the past year, "Wert" wrote an article on the fiesta of San Fermin in Pamplona and another on Portugal, both of which appeared recently in Holiday. Another, "The Silence of Pablo Casals" came out not long ago in The Reporter. On their property, the Wertenbakers have a real ivory tower which has a view of Spain from one side and Biarritz from the other.

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GLIMPSED around at the October 5 luncheon at Rosoff's restaurant were EDGAR SNOW of the Satevepost; Dick Lauterback; "Cy" Peterman of the Philadelphia Inquirer; MIKE BESSIE of Harper's; BEACH CONGER of the New York Herald Tribune; BOB ECKHOUSE; JACK DOORTY; etc. The jackpot book, John Harvey's "Dublin", presented by LARRY AUDRAIN, was won by BEA MATHIEU.

BILL COSTELLO, CBS correspondent in Tokyo, said that, after his trip through Southeast Asia, he felt that people there were fearful of Chinese-Communist infiltration now that Red troops have occupied such a large part of the country. However, as the Chinese have a monetary value for every human sentiment, perhaps Communism cannot conquer them. COSTELLO said he had had some differences of opinion with General MacArthur, who is not an intimate of anyone; even his wife calls him "General, dear."

A. T. Steele of the New York Herald Tribune, just returned from China, said Communist troops had been very polite in entering most Chinese towns. Gradually, control tightened up and correspondents were forbidden to collect and send stories. Most American correspondents, free to depart, left because they could not continue to work effectively.

STEELE reported that lots of Russian goods are coming into China - such as caviar and Russian motor cars - but that there has been no real reaction from the people as yet. Only the students cheered the well-disciplined troops who marched into Peiping. But it is still too early to judge Chinese public feeling, according to "Arch". Correspondents who tried to get through to the Foreign Affairs Bureau in Peiping were ignored and given a general run-around.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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